

# HOW DO WE KNOW?

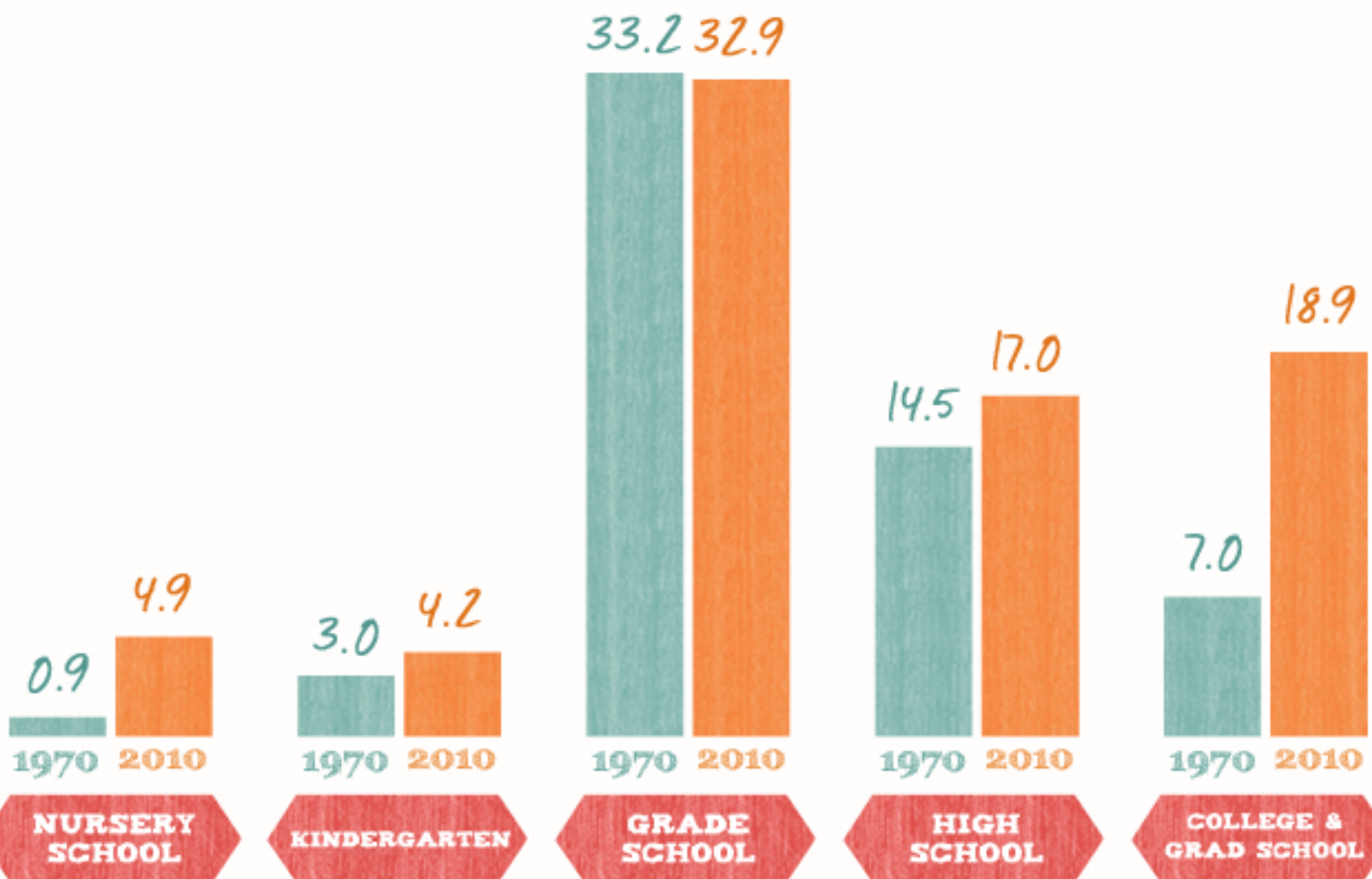
## The Educational Path of Our Nation

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Education plays a fundamental role in American society. Here we take a look at school enrollment, costs and educational outcomes. How does school enrollment today compare with 1970, when the baby boom generation was in its prime years of school attendance (age 6 to 24) and made up 90 percent of all students enrolled in school? What do people earn with a college degree? How much do we spend on schools? The American Community and other Census Bureau surveys provide us with the information to answer these and other valuable questions. Education statistics are vital to communities in determining funding allocations and guiding program planning.

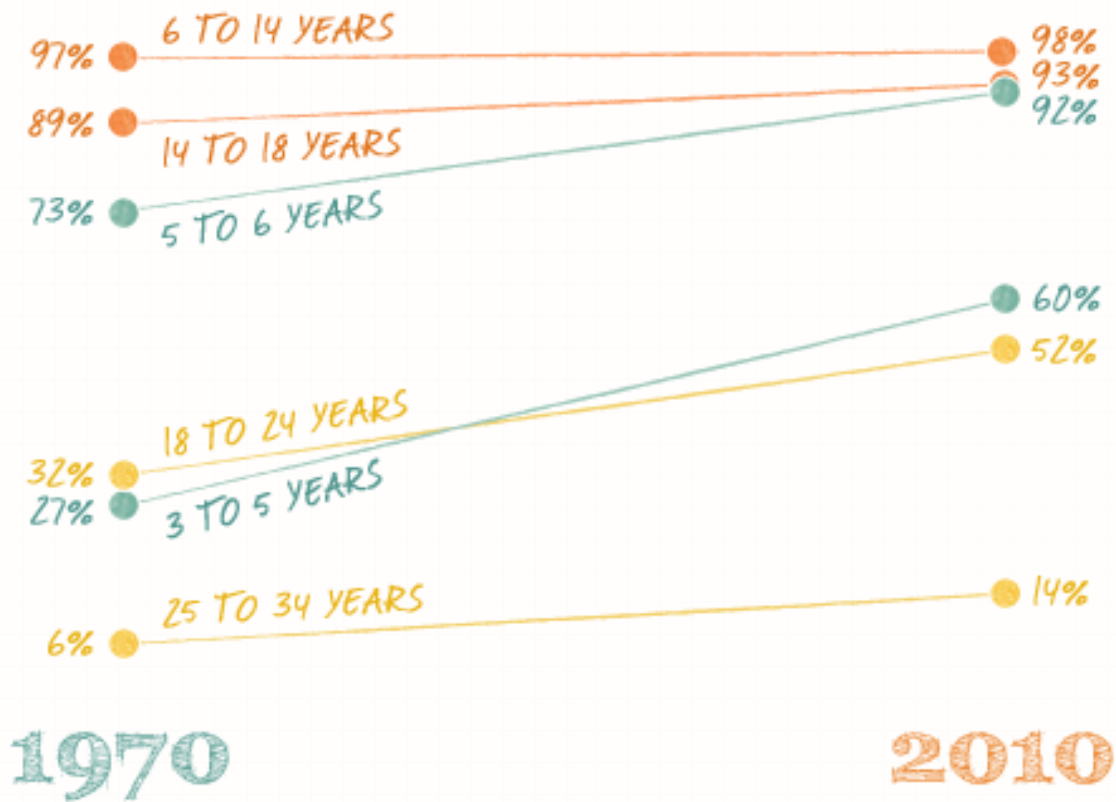
## TOTAL ENROLLMENT

(FOR 3 TO 34 YEAR OLDS IN MILLIONS)



Source: US Census Bureau, 1970 Census of Population, American Community Survey 2010

## PERCENT ENROLLED BY AGE

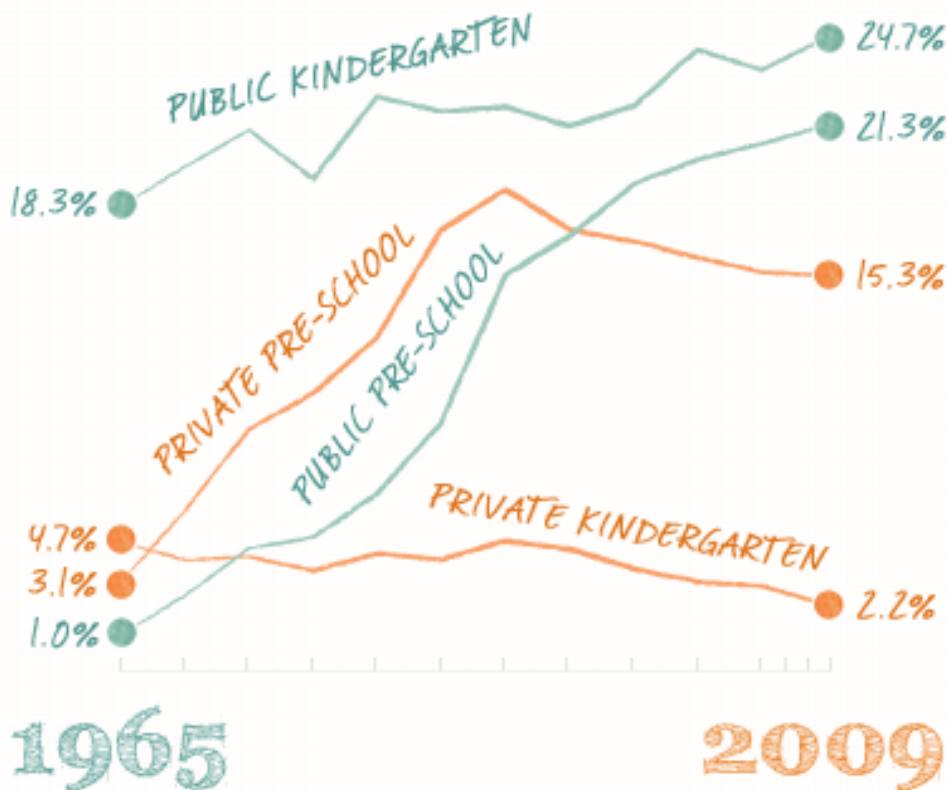


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## Early Childhood Education

### PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

(PERCENT OF CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS ENROLLED)



Students start school earlier and spend more time in school.



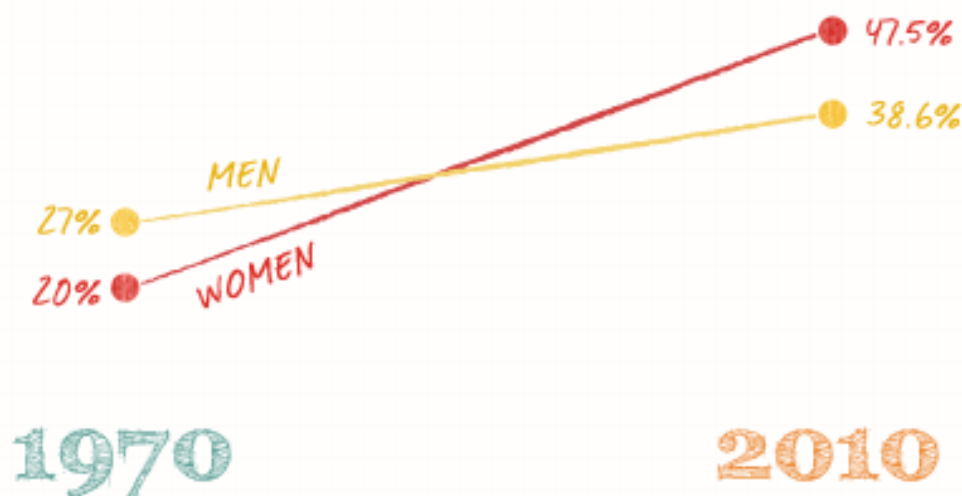
In 2009, about **61 percent** of the children attended a full-day preprimary program, compared with **17 percent** in 1970.

Source: US Department of Education

## College & Grad School

### TOTAL ENROLLED BY SEX

(PERCENT OF POPULATION 18 TO 24 YEARS OLD)



In 2010, women outnumber men in higher education.



7,168,580



6,095,371

Source: US Census Bureau, 1970 Census of Population, American Community Survey 2010



## What Are We Spending on Our Public Schools?



IN FISCAL YEAR 2010, AMERICA'S  
 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS SPENT:

**\$602.6 BILLION**

ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

52.7%



INSTRUCTION

\$317.8 Billion

29.7%



SUPPORT  
 SERVICES

\$179.0 Billion

9.8%



CAPITAL  
 OUTLAYS

\$59.4 Billion

7.7%

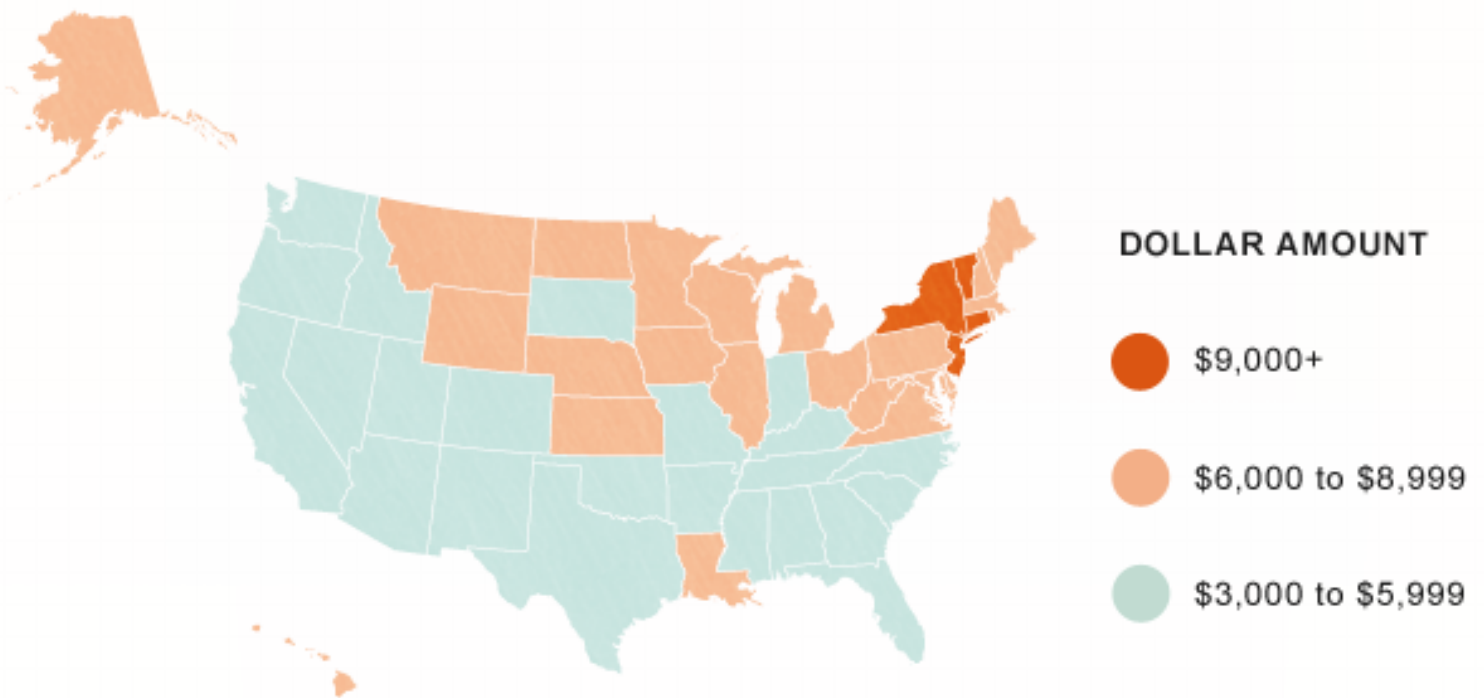


OTHER

\$46.5 Billion

## Instruction Spending Amounts Per Pupil

*PUBLIC ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEMS  
BY STATE: 2009-2010*



Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Annual Survey of School System Finances

## The Outcomes of Education

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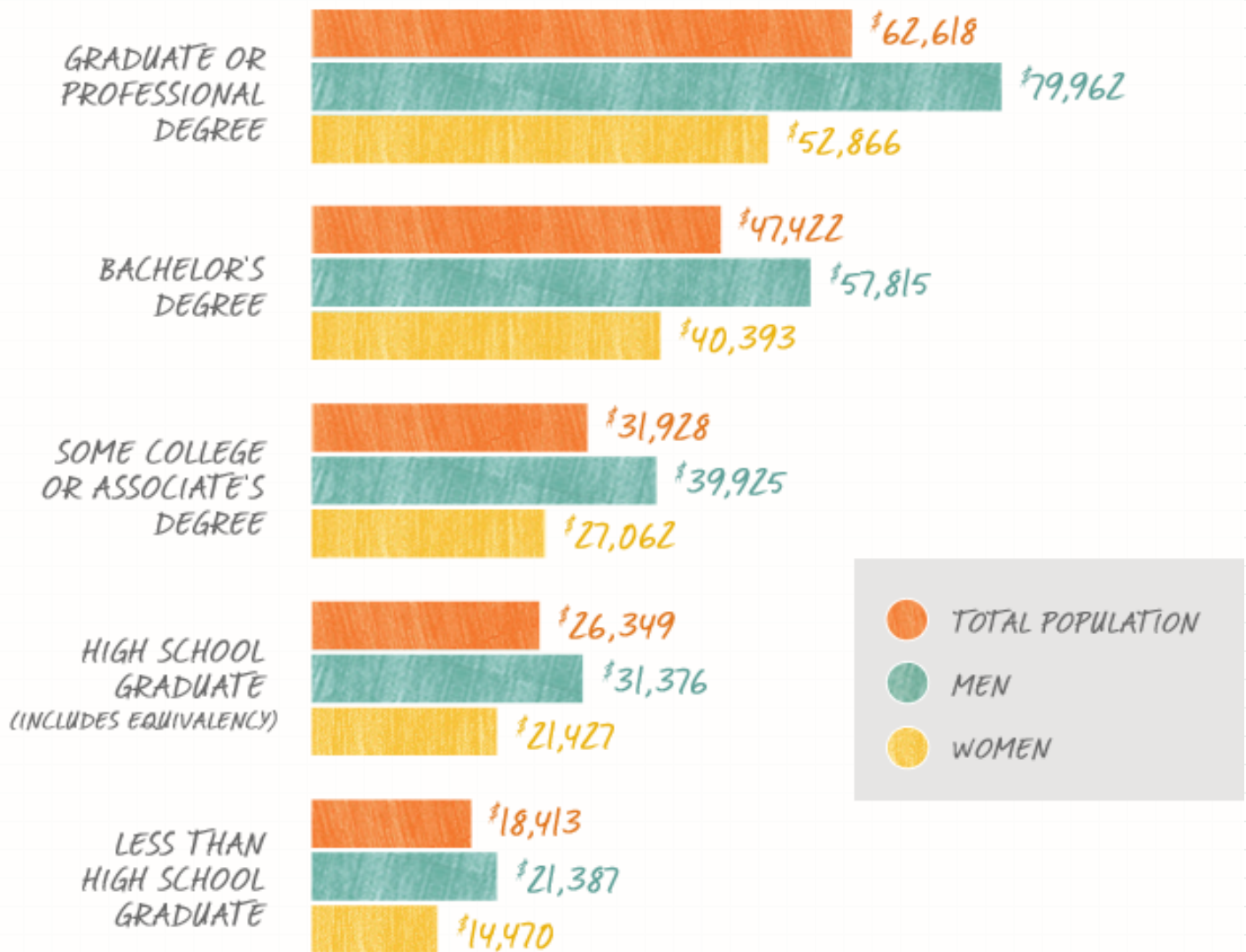
PEOPLE 25 AND OVER IN 2010  
WITH AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

57,578,042



## MEDIAN EARNINGS BY EDUCATION

(PEOPLE 25 YEARS AND OVER IN 2010)



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010